

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:694
ANSWERED ON:12.07.2004
SEED ACT IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has been requesting for approval to separate Seeds Act in Maharashtra State for a long time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have accorded approval to the proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): The Government of Maharashtra has sought the Union Government's approval for enactment of separate Seeds Act in the State in the year 2000. This proposal was examined and the Government of India did not support the proposal as the Central Government proposes to amend the Central Seeds Act, 1966. The Government of Maharashtra was informed of the decision of Government of India vide letter of the Home Ministry dated 13th May, 2003.

A letter from the Government of Maharashtra was received containing various suggestions for incorporation in the proposed Central Act. The suggestions have been taken into consideration in drafting the proposed Central Seed Act.